Fresh offensive by LTTE in Sri Lanka

2057. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD: DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI MURL1DHAR CHANDRA-KANT BHANDARE;

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether a number of Indian soldiers and officers, constituting the 1PKF, had been killed after a fresh offensive was launched by LTTE men in Sri Lanka in September-October, 1987.

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure that the LTTE men surrender their arms, in full in compliance with the terms of the Indo-Sri Lankan agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIV-RAI PATIL): (a) and (b) A total of 257 personnel of the IPKF have been killed as on 23 November, 1987 in the operations against the LTTE since the attacks made by the LTTE on the IPKF camps and per- | sonnel in the first week of October, 1987.

(c) As the LTTE have neither demonstrated their willingness to surrender arms nor extend support to the Indo-Sri Lankan Agreement, the IPKF has been given the mandate to disarm the militants in terms of the Indo-Sri Lanka Agreement. The IPKF operations to disarm the LTTE are continuing.

Visits by Prime Minister to foreign countries

2058. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AF-FAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the countries visited by the Prime Minister during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) what is the total expenditure incurred in each of these trips, year-wise and country-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO); (a) The Prime Minister visited the following countries:—

1985:—USSR, Egypt, France, Algeria, USA, Switzerland, Bhutan, UK, Bahamas, Cuba, Netherlands, Oman, Vietnam, Japan and Bangladesh.

1986:—Maldives, Sweden, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Angola, Tanzania, Mauritius, UK, Mexico, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand and Thailand.

1987:—USSR, Sri Lanka, Canada, USA and Nepal.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is available.

Indo-US Agreement on LCA

2059. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the terms of the Indo-US agreement for the transfer of technology for the Light Combat Aircraft; and

(b) what are the 'areas and which are the American companies/laboratories which would provide consultancy/support for the Light Combat Aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIV-RAJ PATIL). (a) The agreement between Govt, of India and the US Govt, on 'mission area' cooperation for the LCA was signed on October 28, 1987. It enables acquisition and absorption of advanced aeronautics technologies through laboratory-to-laboratory level cooperation between concerned laboratories under the two Governments. This is expected to lead to product*